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SUBJECT: CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO THE SECRETARY

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM
SECRETARY VANCE TO FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER:
BEGIN TEXT.
DEAR MR. MINISTER:

I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WARM
MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHES AS I TAKE OFFICE AS SECRETARY
OF STATE.

IN THIS AGE OF GLOBAL INTERDEPENDENCE, I LOOK FORWARD
TO THE KIND OF CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP AND MUTUAL
DIALOGUE THAT WILL PERMIT US TO APPROACH WORLD PROBLEMS
WITH THE MAXIMUM UNDERSTANDING. YOUR FRIENDSHIP
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WILL CONTRIBUTE GREATLY TO CONTINUED GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN
OUR COUNTRIES.

SINCERELY,
CYRUS VANCE
END TEXT.

2. BEGIN FYI. FRG EMBASSY ON JANUARY 20 TRANSMITTED CABLE
FROM GENSCHER TO THE SECRETARY, WITH COURTESY

TRANSLATION AS FOLLOWS. BEGIN TEXT:

I OFFER YOU MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS ON TAKING UP
YOUR APPOINTMENT AS SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA. IN ASSUMING THIS GREAT AND RESPONSIBLE
TASK, YOU CAN LOOK BACK ON YOUR OUTSTANDING WORK
IN THE PAST WHEN YOU PLAYED SUCH A DISTINGUISHED PART
IN HELPING TO RESTORE AND MAINTAIN PEACE IN VARIOUS PARTS
OF THE WORLD, AND ALSO IN THE SPHERE OF DEFENCE.

I AM CONVINCED THAT OUR VIEWS CONCUR ON THE GREAT
IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUOUSLY DEVELOPING INTENSIVE
EUROPEAN-AMERICAN CO-OPERATION. THIS APPLIES NOT
ONLY TO THE DEFENSE POTENTIAL OF THE ALLIANCE BUT ALSO
TO THE CONSTANT PROCESS OF CLOSE CONSULTATION AMONG
MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE ON ALL ASPECTS OF WORLD AFFAIRS.
THE PEOPLES OF NORTH AMERICA AND OF THE UNITING EUROPE ARE
LINKED TOGETHER BY COMMON IDEALS AND PARALLEL INTERESTS.

THEY ARE DESTINED FOR A NATURAL PARTNERSHIP WHICH WILL
ENABLE THEM TO PURSUE ON A COMMON BASIS THEIR EFFORTS
TO PROMOTE PEACEFUL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE WORLD AND TO
ESTABLISH AN EQUITABLE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER.

OVER THE PAST THIRTY YEARS, GERMAN-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP
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HAS BEEN A PROCESS OF NATURAL GROWTH WHICH HAS LED TO
CLOSE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
GERMANY AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN ALL
IMPORTANT AREAS OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. I AM
CONFIDENT THAT ON THIS FOUNDATION RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR
TWO COUNTRIES CAN BE DEVELOPED MORE CLOSELY STILL IN
THE YEARS AHEAD, PERMEATED BY COMPLETE MUTUAL TRUST.

I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR CO-OPERATION AND WISH YOU
EVERY SUCCESS IN YOUR NEW OFFICE.

HANS-DIETRICH GENSCHER
MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC
OF GERMANY
END TEXT.
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